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SUBJ: CHINA RECOGNIZES BANGLADESH

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: DACCA PRESS AND RADIO BANGLADESH
SEPTEMBER 1 CARRIED NEWS THAT THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
HAD ANNOUNCED ITS RECOGNITION OF BANGLADESH IN A MESSAGE SENT
THE PREVIOUS EVENING BY PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI TO PRESIDENT
MOSHTAQUE. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS ACCOUNT'S, THE MESSAGE READ:
"ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
CHINA, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO INFORM YOU THAT THE CHINESE
GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH FROM
THIS DATE. I AM CONVINCED THAT THE TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN
OUR TWO PEOPLE WILL GROW STEADILY." (THE DATE OF THE MESSAGE
WAS NOT REPORTED.) END UNCLASSIFIED.

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2. COMMENT: PRC RECOGNITION IS DECIDED FEATHER IN PRESIDENT

MOSHAQUE'S CAP, PERMITTING HIM TO ASSERT MORE THAN EVER BANGLADESH'S INTENTION TO FOLLOW A "BALANCED" FOREIGN POLICY. TIES WITH CHINA WILL BE SEEN AS A WAY TO REDUCE INDIAN INFLUENCE, A GOAL WHICH MOSHAQUE WILL PURSUE FAR MORE DILIGENTLY THAN DID SHEIKH MUJIB WHOSE REPUTATION SUFFERED IN PART AS A RESULT OF HIS SENSITIVE CONCERN FOR INDIAN RESPONSES. MOROVER, POPULAR REACTION TO THE CHINESE RECOGNITION WILL BE HIGH (AND PROBABLY INVOLVE SOME UNWARRANTEDLY HIGH EXPECTATIONS OF WHAT WILL FOLLOW). BANGALEES WILL SEE THE MOVE AS A JAB AT INDIA, A RECOGNITION OF BANGLADESH'S SOVEREIGN EXISTENCE, AND THE HARBINGER OF THE MANY INEXPENSIVE CHINESE CONSUMER GOODS LAST AVAILABLE IN THE PAKISTAN PERIOD. AND THE NEWSPAPERS ALREADY CARRY STORIES OF JUTE SALES.

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